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*India Air Chief Flying High**By Winzola McLendon*

INDIA'S young and handsome Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal S. Mukerjee, and his lovely wife, Sharda, are having a gay Washington whirl.

Last evening it was the Ambassador of India and Mme. Mehta who gave an early evening party for the visitors. The Ambassador said he was an old friend of Air Marshal Mukerjee and explained, "We met first on a boat to England when I was only 10 years old." The popular Sharda Mukerjee is the niece of Ranjet S. Pandet, the husband of former President of the United Nations General Assembly Mme. Vijaya Pandet.

EARLY ARRIVALS last evening were the Harold Stassens, the John Simmons, and the Under Secretary of the Air Force and Mrs. James H. Douglas.

Mrs. Charles Wilson and Mrs. Arthur Radford arrived together—Secretary of Defense Wilson "came home from the hospital Tuesday . . . will leave on the 18th for the plantation in Louisiana." Mrs. Wilbur Brucker was soloing—her husband, Secretary of the Army Brucker was working on campaign speeches.

Secretary of the Air Force and Mrs. Donald Quarles, who have been entertaining a "houseful" of grandchildren all summer, were there.

LT. Gen. Elmer J. Rogers—the Inspector General of the Air Force—and Mrs. Rogers were at the party, as were Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Charles Cabell, the Senior Air Force Member of the Military Staff Committee NATO, Lt. Gen. Leon Johnson, and Mrs. Johnson, and

Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Leigh Wade, Former Naval Attache to India, Capt. Hugh Awtrey, also came by as did two former Air Attaches, Col. and Mrs. Chandler Estes and Co. and Mrs. M. P. Davis.

Others were Canadian Maj. Gen. and Mrs. H. A. Sparling, New Zealand's Brigadier and Mrs. W. S. McKinnon, Pakistani Maj. Gen. and Mme. M. Hayaud-Din and Indonesian Air Attache and Mme. Soedjono.